

level of aspiration from all quarters, including parents, schools, museums, community centers, performing arts organizations, church groups, Boys and Girls Clubs and many others. Much valuable work is already being done in many parts of the country. These efforts can serve as models for others.

I believe the Endowment can lead in certain aspects by initiating conversations, encouraging fine teaching, generating funding from corporations, foundations, private benefactors and arts support groups. It can assist and strengthen organizations that have valuable ideas but need assistance in initiating them. It can connect outstanding young artists to this effort, both as teachers and practitioners. Finally, through its general grants programs, the Endowment can increase access to outstanding performances and exhibitions so that at every stage of a young person's development, the arts at their best are regularly experienced.

8. How do you feel that the federal role of the Arts Endowment differs from the role of the state entities and local agencies? Do you feel that these roles complement each other well? Are there any changes that you would suggest for either the federal role, or the way the Endowment supports state and local initiatives?

If the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Arts Endowment comes to me, I will make it a high priority to become very familiar with our state and local arts agencies, their leaders and the important work they do. I will explore with them ways in which their partnership with the Endowment can be strengthened and broadened. They have played a vital role in carrying out Challenge America and other important Endowment programs. Many of them have been extremely successful in promoting the arts in their own locales. I see them as already valuable allies for the Endowment, and I would hope that these alliances can be made even more productive for our citizens everywhere.

9. Do you believe that the Arts Endowment should actively pursue private funds to supplement its federal appropriation?

I understand that legislation gives the Endowment authority to accept private gifts and donations. I also understand that there is concern in the arts community that major fundraising activities by the Arts Endowment could compete with, and therefore, conceivably diminish the ability of arts organizations to raise the funding necessary for their survival. In the current economic climate, and following September 11, the issue of financial support for arts groups everywhere is especially serious. If I am confirmed, I would approach this matter carefully and in a collegial spirit.

10. Will you continue the agency's efforts to build partnerships and funding coalitions with other federal agencies?

I support efforts to form coalitions and partnerships with other federal agencies whenever these can enhance access for Americans nationwide to projects of artistic quality. Accordingly, I would examine the current inter-agency agreements that the Endowment has entered into over the years to see how these and other such cooperative efforts can help to preserve our national artistic heritage and increase the value of that heritage to our citizens, especially those who may be otherwise underserved.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from the consideration of the nomination of James Newsome, to be chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

and his nomination to be a commissioner on the Commission; that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements thereon be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring June 19, 2006. (Reappointment)

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Nos. 607, 624, 647, 650, 651, 667, and 668.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that those nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Claude M. Bolton, Jr., of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Kathleen Burton Clarke, of Utah, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

THE JUDICIARY

C. Ashley Royal, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Harry E. Cummins, III, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Christopher James Christie, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, vice Daniel S. Goldin, resigned.

ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General Donna F. Barbisch, 0000
Brigadier General Jamie S. Barkin, 0000
Brigadier General Robert W. Chesnut, 0000
Brigadier General Richard S. Colt, 0000
Brigadier General Lowell C. Detamore, 0000
Brigadier General Douglas O. Dollar, 0000
Brigadier General Kenneth D. Herbst, 0000
Brigadier General Karol A. Kennedy, 0000
Brigadier General Rodney M. Kobayashi, 0000
Brigadier General Robert B. Ostenberg, 0000
Brigadier General Michael W. Symanski, 0000
Brigadier General William B. Watson, Jr., 0000

To be brigadier general

Colonel James E. Archer, 0000
Colonel Thomas M. Bryson, 0000
Colonel Peter S. Cooke, 0000
Colonel Donna L. Dacier, 0000
Colonel Charles H. Davidson, IV, 0000
Colonel Michael R. Eyre, 0000
Colonel Donald L. Jacka, Jr., 0000
Colonel William H. Johnson, 0000
Colonel Robert J. Kasulke, 0000
Colonel Jack L. Killen, Jr., 0000
Colonel John C. Levasseur, 0000
Colonel James A. Mobley, 0000
Colonel Mark A. Montjar, 0000
Colonel Carrie L. Nero, 0000
Colonel Arthur C. Nuttall, 0000
Colonel Paulette M. Risher, 0000
Colonel Kenneth B. Ross, 0000
Colonel William Terpeluk, 0000
Colonel Michael H. Walter, 0000
Colonel Roger L. Ward, 0000
Colonel David Zalis, 0000
Colonel Bruce E. Zukauskas, 0000

REFERRAL OF THE NOMINATION OF JOSEPH SCHMITZ

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Joseph Schmitz to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was ordered reported by the Committee on Armed Services earlier today, be referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for not to exceed 20 calendar days, beginning January 23, 2002, and that if the nomination is not reported after that 20-day period, the nomination be automatically discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATIONS TO REMAIN IN STATUS QUO NOTWITHSTANDING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all nominations received by the Senate during the 107th Congress, first session, remain in status quo notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate and the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with the following exceptions: PN850, Otto Reich, to be Assistant Secretary of State; PN983-4, Colonel David R. Leffarge, to be Brigadier General.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will return to legislative session.

AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the sine die adjournment of the Senate,